customs duty concessions are available to newspapers on import of printing machinery and allied material. RNI issues only essentiality certificates to those registered newspapers who apply for it to enable them to avail of the duty concessions.

Telecasting time of regional services

7854. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to increase telecasting time of regional services on Doordarshan:

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether Government have taken any decision thereon: and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Such requests are received from different quarters from time to time.

(c) and (d) An additional four hours per week have been provided for regional programmes in the revised programme schedule for DD1 and DD2 operative from 2nd June, 1995.

Installation of HPTs

7855. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether High Power Transmitters have been installed in some States and Union Territories;

(b) if so, their locations, State and Territory-wise with estimated cost involved in each case;

(c) whether people have been benefited from this facility;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to extend this facility in some more States and Union Territories during the current year; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A state-wise list of locations where High Power Transmitters are in operation is given in the annexed Statement-I. (*See* below). The estimated cost of setting up of High Power Transmitter of 10 KW Power is about Rs. 8 to 10 crores and that for a station of 1 KW Power is about Rs. 6 to 7 crores at present.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. 681 Transmitters of varying powers, including 75 High Power Transmitters, are relaying Doordarshan's primary channel (DD-I) and regional channel service to about 85.4% population of the country. In addition, 28 more Transmitters are terrestrially relaying metro channel (DD-II) and 2 transmitters are terrestrially relaying parliament coverage.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Details are given in the annexed Statement-II.

Statement

Existing high power ITV transmitters (Primary channel) in the country

(as on 25-5-1995)

State	Location	Power
Andhra Pradesh	Anantpur	10 KW
	Hyderabad	10 KW
	Tirupati	10 KW
	Vijayawada	10 KW
	Visakhapatnam	10 KW
Arunachal Pradesh . . .	Itanagar	1 KW
Assam	Dibrugarh	10 KW
	Guwahati	10 KW
	Silchar	10 KW
Bihar	Daltonganj	10 KW
	Katihar	10 KW
	Muzaffarpur	1 KW
	Patna	10 KW
	Ranchi	10 KW
Goa	Panaji	10 KW
Gujarat	Ahmedabad (DD-	10 KW
	Bhuj (Interim)	10 KW
	Dwarka	10 KW
	Rajkot	10 KW
Himachal Pradesh . .	Kasauli	10 KW
	Shimla	1 KW
Jammu & Kashmir . .	Jammu	10 KW
	Leh	1 KW
	Poonch	10 KW
	Srinagar	10 KW
Karnataka	Bangalore	10 KW
	Dharwad	10 KW
	Gulbarga	1 KW
	Shimoga	10 KW
Kerala	Cochin	10 KW
	Trivandrum	10 KW
	Calicut (Interim)	1 KW

ktate	Location	Power
Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	10 KW
	Gwalior	10 KW
	Indore	10 KW
	Jabalpur	10 %W
	Jagdalpur	1 KW
	Raipur	10 KW
Maharashtra	Ambajogal	10 KW
	Aurangabad	10 KW
	Bombay (DD-I)	10 %W
	Nagpur	10 KW
	Pune	10 KW
Manipur	Imphal	1 KW
Meghalaya	Shillong	1 KW
	Tura	10 KW
Mizoram	Aizawal	1 KW
Nagaland	Kohima	1 KW
Orissa	Bhawanipatna	10 KW
	Cutttack (DD-I)	10 KW
	Sambalpur	1 KW
Punjab	Amritsar	10 KW
	Bhatinda	10 KW
	Jalandhar	10 KW
Rajasthan	Bundi;	10 KW
	Jaipur	10 KW
Sikkim	Gangatok	1 KW
Tamil Nadu	Kodaikanal	10 KW
	Madras (DD-I)	10 KW
	Rameshwaram (Inter,m)	1 KW
Tripura	Agartala	10 KW
Uttar Pradesh	Agra	10 KW
	Allahabad	10 KW
	Bareilly	10 KW
	Gorakhpur	10 KW
	Kanpur	10 KW
	Lucknow	10 KW
	Mau	5 KW(UHF)
	Mussoorie	10 KW
	Varanasi	10 KW
West Bengal	Asansol	10 KW
	Calcutta (DD-I)	10 KW
	Kurseong	10 KW
	Mushidabad	10 KW
Delhi	Delhi (DD-I)	2x10 KW

Statement II

High Power TV transmitters expected to be completed during 1995-96

State	Location	Power
Andhra Pradesh	Kurnool Nandyal	
Maharashtra	Bombay (DD-II)	
Mizoram	Lunglei	
Nagaland	Mokokchung	
Rajasthan	Barmer (Interim se up 1 KW) Jaisalmer	
Tamil Nadu	Rameshwaram (Permanent 10 KW) Madras (DD-III)	
West Bengal	Calcutta (DD-III)	
Delhi	Delhi (DD-III)	

Satellite based regional services by **Doordarshan**

7856. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Satellite based regional services have been provided by Doordarshan in some States and Union Territories;

(b) if so, names of such States and Union Territories;

(c) whether people have been benefited with this services;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to extend this facility in some more States and Union Territories during the current financial year; and

(f) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Satellite based regional services have been provided by Doordarshan in the following States:—

Kerala, Tamilnadu, Orissa, West Bengal, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, U.P., Bihar, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab & Jammu and Kashmir and North Eastern States.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Satellite derived regional services are available all over the country, with the help of dish antena system, including in remote areas where terrestrial signal is not available. As such, the effective viewership of regional language satellite services has increased considerably.

(e) and (f) No, Sir. Presently no transponder is available to extend regional language satellite services.

Television serial on Corbett National Park

7857. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proopsal to produce a T.V. serial on film on